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EDITORIALS*

GREETINGS

The New Year—Its Outlook.—"The Year 1931." It is here. CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE again extends the Greetings of the Season to its readers of the California, Nevada and Utah Medical Associations.

That in 1931 there will be as much work ahead of the members of these three state medical associations as in the years gone by, there can be little doubt; because incidence of disease and injury will not vary greatly from that in recent years, and the number of lay citizens who will seek the professional services of skilled physicians and surgeons will likewise be about the same.

Regarding the economic rewards for the medical and surgical services which will be rendered we are not so certain, because when general economic conditions are below the average in the lay and business worlds, the number of patients who permit physicians to serve with lesser or even with no pay, usually increases. But at that, with good health, each of us will be able to have the privilege and joy which goes with service for human fellows.

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE wishes for every one of its readers the best of health for

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the coming year, because good health is a splendid foundation for efficient service, and efficient service in turn should bring its proper and deserved rewards.

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A Public Office Is a Public Trust.—To the newly elected officers of many of the county units of the state associations of California, Nevada and Utah, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE extends special wishes for successful years in the organized medicine efforts of their respective societies. The old saw—"A Public Office is a Public Trust"—applies equally to official positions in medical societies. In these days of rapid changes and transitions, officers of medical societies should realize that they have very special responsibilities to their profession and to their fellows. Each officer of a medical society should remember that for the time being he is one of the leaders and spokesmen of the medical organization which has honored him by election or appointment to office. Each such officer should resolve to not only measure up to a proper standard in the performance of his own particular duties, but should resolve also to maintain cordial contacts with all fellow officers and members, so that the society which has honored him may be the better and stronger because of his official service.

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A Kindly Outlook.—Let us each also resolve that in the coming year we will live up to the ethical code of our guild in so far as may be humanly possible, and that in our work we will aim to not only serve efficiently as judged by the best standards of modern-day scientific medicine, but that we will strive also to maintain a judicial, kindly and generous poise in passing on the seeming delinquencies of some of our fellows. The admonitions contained in the Oath of Hippocrates may be taken to heart by all of us. If in good part we do these things, then the year 1931, even though it go not down into history as one of the "prosperous economic years" of our country, nevertheless can be made to become to each of us as individuals, and in our group relationships to our professional fellows, a happy and prosperous year. Therefore, again from CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on behalf of each of its readers, to each of its other readers—

A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CLINICAL AND RESEARCH PRIZES

Reasons for Founding the Prizes.—Several years ago the Council of the California Medical Association, in an endeavor to provide a special incentive for younger members of the profession to participate in the scientific meetings of the annual sessions of the California Medical Association, passed a resolution whereby two prizes,